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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Huy D Nguyen

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 May 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 9-40 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 9-40 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 9-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Smith (U.S. Patent No. 5,146,498).

Regarding claims 9, 13-14, 17, 21-22, 25, 27, 29, 31-33, 35-37, 39-40, Smith teaches a wireless network, comprising: a radio network controller (col. 3, line 22); and a terminal, wherein said radio network controller is operable to transmit a first message to said terminal, the first message being indicative of an initiation of a cipher key change (col. 3, lines 19-22), and wherein said terminal is operable to transmit a second message to said radio network controller subsequent to a reception of the first message by said terminal, the second message being coded with a new cipher key as an acknowledgement of the cipher key change by said terminal (col. 3, lines 43-50, lines 58-62).

Regarding claims 10, 18, Smith teaches the wireless network of claim 9, wherein the first message includes the new cipher key (col. 3, line 20).

Regarding claims 11-12, 19-20, 26, 30, 34, 38, Smith teaches the wireless network of claim 9, wherein said radio network controller is operable to transmit a third message to said terminal subsequent to a reception of the second message by said radio network controller, the

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third message being indicative of a deciphering by said radio network controller of the second message with the new cipher key (col. 3, lines 50-57).

Regarding claims 15-16, 23-24, 28, Smith teaches the wireless network of claim 9, wherein said radio network controller is operable to transmit a third message to said terminal subsequent to a reception of the second message by said radio network controller, the third message being indicative of a failure by said radio network controller to decipher the second message with the new cipher key (col. 3, line 67 – col. 4, line 8).

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Huy D Nguyen whose telephone number is 703-305-3283. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Erika A Gary can be reached on 703-308-0123. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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